

# KANSAS CITY REGION TOP OPENINGS

## 2021-2023

The Kansas City Region is projected to have over 74,600 total job openings each year between 2021 and 2023. Total openings include growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one.

Of the top 20 occupations in the Kansas City Region with the most total openings, four are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* major occupation group. The occupations of *General and Operations Managers*, *Registered Nurses*, *Software Developers*, and *Accountants* are projected to have high numbers of total openings as well as average wages higher than the Kansas City Region average of \$53,876 for all occupations.

### TOP JOB OPENINGS

Occupation	2021-2023 Estimated Employment	2021-2023 Projected Employment	Annual Exit Openings	Annual Transfer Openings	Annual Growth Openings	Annual Total Openings	Average Annual Wage
Waiters and Waitresses	11,612	12,759	894	1,455	574	<b>2,923</b>	\$23,994
Cashiers	15,355	15,573	1,316	1,480	109	<b>2,905</b>	\$25,331
Fast Food and Counter Workers	11,419	12,346	1,152	1,256	464	<b>2,872</b>	\$27,656
Stockers and Order Fillers	10,914	11,487	638	1,092	286	<b>2,016</b>	\$30,842
Retail Salespersons	12,884	13,141	728	1,075	128	<b>1,931</b>	\$29,592
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	11,674	12,114	762	674	220	<b>1,656</b>	\$25,033
Office Clerks, General	12,629	12,919	697	758	145	<b>1,600</b>	\$37,683
Customer Service Representatives	10,979	11,069	518	867	45	<b>1,430</b>	\$37,087
General and Operations Managers	12,605	13,122	257	798	258	<b>1,313</b>	\$110,843
Cooks, Restaurant	5,513	6,328	348	506	408	<b>1,262</b>	\$31,005
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	7,903	8,172	352	700	134	<b>1,186</b>	\$33,315
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	7,914	8,120	328	544	103	<b>975</b>	\$45,945
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	9,145	9,036	347	649	-54	<b>942</b>	\$43,463
Registered Nurses	14,156	14,496	382	360	170	<b>912</b>	\$70,465
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	6,227	6,366	393	442	70	<b>905</b>	\$32,263
Software Developers and Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	8,952	9,425	213	450	236	<b>899</b>	\$94,814
Secretaries and Admin. Assist., Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	7,951	7,915	404	443	-18	<b>829</b>	\$40,779
Childcare Workers	4,951	5,065	337	350	57	<b>744</b>	\$24,717
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	3,590	3,933	168	384	172	<b>724</b>	\$42,805
Accountants and Auditors	7,020	7,201	198	421	90	<b>709</b>	\$72,536

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